

Dyer situation

I share Danny Dyer's concerns about the number of public school-educated cabinet members ('Danny Dyer, actor in Eastenders, calls for working class representation in politics,' 28 October). And it's not just the government that is affected: 7 per cent of pupils are educated in private schools but 65 per cent of senior judges are privately educated; 52 per cent of diplomats; 44 per cent of newspaper columnists; 32 per cent of Oxbridge offers.

Can it be good for our society that so many of its citizens cannot go to the best universities and will not get certain jobs because their parents cannot afford private school fees? Is it now time to end what Theresa May called in 2017 "the burning injustice" of this disparity? At the very least, is it time to challenge what Michael Gove called in the same year "the egregious state support to the already wealthy, so that they might buy advantage for their own children"?

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